

ABSOLUTE RATING: Average

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 90.

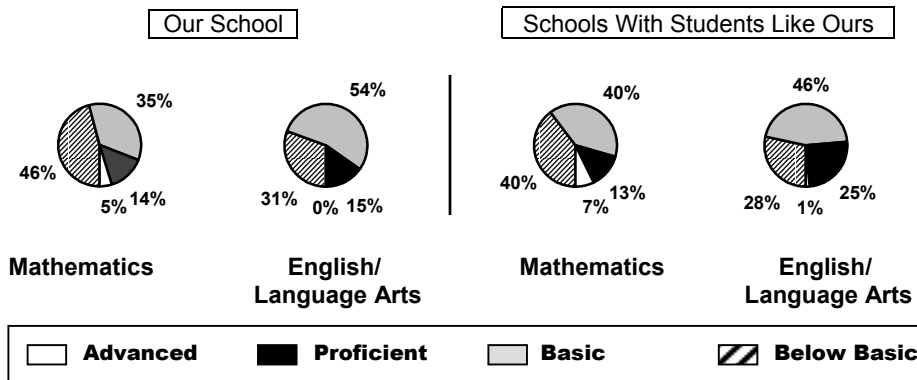
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=105)	69.5	54.3	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=99)	72.7	57.6		
Gender				
Male (n=47)	57.4	46.8		
Female (n=58)	79.3	60.3		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=95)	68.4	51.6		
Hispanic (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
Other (n=4)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=72)	63.9	51.4		
Pay for lunch (n=33)	81.8	60.6		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,476	N/A	\$5,430	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	89.4%	Down from 91.8%	90.2%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.8 to 1	N/A	18.4 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=212)				
• Attendance Rate	96.2%	Down from 97.5%	96.1%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	3.8%	N/A	5.8%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	1%	N/A	5.1%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	100%	No change	97.2%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	3.6%	Up from 1.9%	4.5%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=19)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.6 Days	Up from 6.1	7.4 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	93.7%	Down from 94.8%	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	42.1%	Down from 55.6%	43.3%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	84.2%	Up from 77.8%	83.3%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	75.6%	Down from 76.3%	86.4%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,830	Down 3.7%	\$36,369	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	65.2%	N/A	65.4%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	1	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	96.4%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	53.9%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.9%	Up from 0%	1.6%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	2	1
• Gifted and talented	2.6%	Up from 2.2%	8.5%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	7.7%	Down from 7.8%	9.7%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The School Improvement Council of Sylvia Circle Elementary School has prepared this summary report for the school's accomplishments for the 2000-2001 school year and the priorities for the 2001-2002 school year.

Curriculum- In an effort to improve student achievement, PACT improvement writing, computer, and homework clubs met daily and/or weekly after school. Voyager continued to extend the learning opportunity for students. Students had writing published in the Southern Sampler and Summer Challenge opportunities were offered. **School Climate-** School climate was a priority at Sylvia Circle this year. Students were given opportunities to participate in: Junior Achievement, Safety Patrol, Accelerated Reader, DARE, Special Olympics, Terrific Kids, The Sylvia Circle Work Force, Circle Of Friends, Homework Club, Writing Club, and Computer Club. In addition, Sullivan Middle School art students and SCES students worked together to paint a mural depicting the sights and sounds of South Carolina. Eleven new business partnerships were established. Five grants were written and received. Three family events were well attended. These included: Bingo Night, Family Science Night, and The SCES Fish Fry.

Technology- All students participated in a technology class throughout the year in addition to attending the CCC lab each day for computer assisted instruction. Students were taught PowerPoint and this was utilized within the classroom curriculum.

Collaboration- The Career Fair was held and had more than 20 participants. In addition, Sylvia Circle had volunteers from the following community groups: Winthrop University, York Tech, Rock Hill Police and Fire Departments, Epworth Methodist, Kiwanis, Westminster Catawba School, Rhodia, Coca-Cola, RHP&R, Home School Association, and Oakland Presbyterian Church.

Staff Development- Teachers participated in a variety of staff development activities. These include PACT score analysis, school renewal, reading strategies, long-range planning, behavior management, Inquiry Based Learning, technology in the classroom, team building, and grant writing workshops.

Goals for 2001-2002: Sylvia Circle will continue to strive for improvement on PACT. Revitalization of the school and grounds will be a continued effort.

Character education will be targeted and a school-wide mentoring program will be established.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	81.3	94.1	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	80.0	73.5	
Satisfied with home-school relations	33.3	88.6	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 212 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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